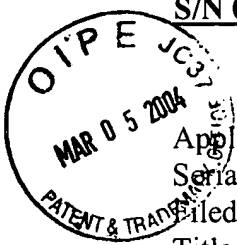


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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 1, 2004 to March 1, 2004.

**Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
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